



SUMMARY MINUTES

SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

February 25, 2013

The Administrative Conference of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:05 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Government Chambers of Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Invocation was given by Councilman Shyne, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Everson. On roll call, the following members were present: Councilmen Rose McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Oliver Jenkins, Michael Corbin, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None. The Council met and set the following agenda for February 26, 2013 agenda:

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

February 25, 2013

AND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

February 26, 2013

Monday, February 25, 2013 - 3:00 p.m. Government Plaza Chambers

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 - 3:00 p.m. 505 Travis Street, 1st Floor

Inquires (318) 673-5262

1. Call to order.

2. Invocation.

3. Roll call.

4. Approval of the minutes Administrative Conference (February 11, 2013), and City Council Meeting, (February 12, 2013).

5. Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports

A. Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

B. Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

C. Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

D. Reports

Property Standards Report (*Res. 7 of 2003*)

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (*Res. No. 114 of 2009*)

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res 238 of 2010*)

EMS Transports Report (*Res 239 of 2010*)

Master Plan Committee Report (*Res. No. 132 of 2012*)

6. Public Hearing: None.

7. Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

A. Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

B. Public Comments (*In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures*)

C. Confirmation and Appointment: None

8. Consent Agenda Legislation

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

9. Regular Agenda Legislation

A. Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading

20 Authorizing an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bossier City, the Parish of Caddo, the Parish of Bossier, and the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

21 Authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Bossier “Relay for Life” and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

23 Support of State legislation increasing the jurisdictional amount of the Shreveport City Court and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

24 Declaring the City’s interest in certain adjudicated property as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Everson/D/Corbin/F/Shyne)

25 Declaring the City’s interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins/F/Shyne/G/S. Jenkins)

26 Accepting dedication for Basin Street in Bienville Path, Unit 6 in Twelve Oaks, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

27 Authorizing the acceptance of a donation valued in the amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) from Bass Life Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

28 Requesting a concerted effort by organizations representing counties/parishes and cities to urge the Federal Government to provide funding for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of aging water, sewer, streets and drainage infrastructure located in counties/parishes and cities, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

B. Introduction of Resolutions (*Not to be adopted prior to March 12, 2013*)

29 Authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Shreveport Relay for Life and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

30 Authorizing the use of certain equipment by Shreveport Green for the Great American Clean Up, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

31 Authorizing the Shreveport Police Department to accept a donation of two integrated tower communications systems, communication towers with installed camera systems valued at \$78,665 each from the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, total value of Equipment is \$157,330.

32 Authorizing the Shreveport Police Department to accept a donation of \$11,070.45 from the Shreveport Police/Special Response Team Citizen Support Group for the purchase of six (6) fully outfitted M4 weapons to be issued to members of the Department's Special Response Team.

33 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Knicely Properties, Inc., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through Jeremy Knicely, Manager, for the private water and sewer improvements for Norris Ferry Crossing Subdivision Unit 7, and related facilities, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

34 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the city of Shreveport, and Cottage Ridge, L.L.C., hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Gus Mijalis, Manager, for the Cottage Ridge Subdivision, Unit 1 Sewer Lift Station, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

35 Adopting the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire required by the Legislative Auditors Office of the State of Louisiana and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

36 Authorizing the publication of a notice of intention to create the Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana and to levy an additional 1.00% sales and use tax therein, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (LA. R.S. 33:9038.31, *ET SEQ.*); and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

37 Creating the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana;" defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

38 Authorizing the employment of special legal counsel to represent the City of Shreveport in connection with the creation of the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana;" and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

C. Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to March 12, 2013*)

14 Amending the 2013 Police Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

15 Amending and reenacting certain sections of Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Utilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

17 Creating the “Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana;” defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

18 **ZONING - C-13-13:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NE corner of Monkhouse Drive and Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMUNITY BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF PETROLEUM” ONLY** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

19 **ZONING - C-14-13:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE corner of Jewella Avenue and Hardy Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

20 **ZONING - C-15-13:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of Greenwood Road and Emory Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

D. Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)

11 Closing and abandoning the dedicated River Parkway Boulevard running west from Clyde E. Fant Parkway located Shreveport, Sections 4 and 5 (T17N-R13W), Caddo Parish Louisiana. (C/O. Jenkins)

12 Declaring the City’s intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties for the Riverfront Park Extension Project and otherwise providing with respect thereto

13 An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 3.01 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 relative to exemptions and exclusions from Sales and Use Taxes and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

180 ZONING - C-67-12: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Pierremont, 284 feet west of Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., FROM R-1D, URBAN ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins) (*Postponed February 12, 2013*)

10. Tabled Legislation.

1. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins) (*Tabled September 13, 2011*)

2. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Texas Street Turn Lanes*) (B/Everson) (*Tabled March 27, 2012*)

3. **Resolution No. 205 of 2012**: A resolution approving the application of citizens regarding the organization of the Shreveport-Caddo Economic Development Authority; Designating the Economic Development area therefore; Approving the Economic Development Plan therefore; Making certain findings in connection therewith; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)

4. **Ordinance No. 170 of 2012**: An ordinance amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Residential Parking Permit Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)

11. Appeals

A. Property Standards Appeals

PSD0900275 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed December 10, 2012 until March 11, 2013*)

PSD1000086 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed January 18, 2013 until June 24, 2013*)

PSD1000141 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Tabled April 11, 2011*)

PSD1100017 3634 Sumner Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Roberto Strickland, 3740 Jackson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until March 11, 2013*)

PSD1200100 3545 Michigan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Carl Colvin, 6618 Burke Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (E/Webb) *(Postponed January 18, 2013 until February 25, 2013)*

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to remand this case to Property Standards. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

PSD1200016 6938 Nevada Avenue, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Erika Thompson, 7517 Grass Valley Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76123 *(Postponed January 7, 2013 until March 11, 2013)*

PSD1200196 3106 Murphy Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Johnson, 1168 Pelican Street, Shreveport, LA (D/Corbin) *(Postponed January 7, 2013 until February 25, 2013)*

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until March 25, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

PSD1100277 647 W. 69th Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Lloyd Guevara, 2846 Long Lake Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Corbin) *New*

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to proceed with demolition the property located at 647 W. 69th Street. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

PSD1200229 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Barbara White, 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Everson) *New*

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to proceed with demolition.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Let me ask you a question. You said you had a plan to - - -

Ms. White: Exactly. We're in the process of receiving our 501(c)3, and we put in for a federal grant which we should be receiving. We have a grant writer that put in paperwork. This is all I've been doing say within the last four weeks with this particular property. Like I said, the roof had - - - we had the storm back in November/December, and it just totally - - - but the problem with the roof prior, and the tarp that you see over it was again with the LLC Investment Company. They let the property sit for like 13 years, with only having an interest in the property. Then we get it as surplus property and we have to do all the work. But they haven't been pursued in the past. So what I was told was we would be pursuing them for that house since I had to wait until I got the title to the property in order to renovate it properly and to pursue to stop this. Because I mean it's targeted a low income area all over . They do banks, mortgage companies. I have another property that's adjudicated property, that I'm attempting to do the same thing. These investors get 'em and hang on to 'em for three or four years, then it's adjudicated and they come after the independent person that has obtained the property to fix it up, tear it down or whatever. And I know the

condition of the property eventually probably through our grant or whatever or see what we can do, at least let me look into it. As far as them tearing it down or whatever, but my question is why this is going on? Everybody knows what's going on here.

Councilman Corbin: We're mixing things.

Ms. White: Now we're not mixing anything. Its all about the property that I have.

Councilman Corbin: You obviously have some questions about the process, which can be taken up in another meeting. We're here today to talk about this particular property and whether we're (inaudible)

Ms. White: Okay (inaudible) demolition

Councilman Corbin: Councilman Everson has a motion on the table to proceed with demolition, it's seconded by Councilman Webb. Is there any other to discussion by Council?

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) she have so many days to appeal or tear it down herself if she wants to?

Ms. Farnell: 30 days.

Councilman Everson: Yeah, she can still appeal this decision, but I mean, keep in mind this house is in a condition that is you know just beyond something that can be done with,

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, but she just got it.

Councilman Everson: Has she gone and (inaudible) - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: What exactly is the cost of the demolition?

Councilman Corbin: I'm not feeling good about federal grants coming through.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, for my understanding, how long has she had the property?

Councilman S. Jenkins: She just got it in January 2013.

Councilman Everson: It wasn't originally posted for demolition? So it was posted for demolition when it was purchased?

Ms. Farnell: (Inaudible)

Councilman Everson: So shouldn't she end up with the lot? I mean (inaudible).

Ms. White: It's the issues and the principles of the issues that are surrounding that particular house. I was told to come and find out what or how it could be remedied, or what your decision was, but I am going to appeal that if it's to tear it down, I will appeal it. Because it's the issues and the principles. I mean this has been going on for something like four years?

Councilman Everson: I think that lot might be of more value to you without the house at this point.

Ms. White: I don't feel that's our decision to make on my personal - - - but as a professional, I can understand, but I disagree at this point, because of the circumstances and the issues that are surrounding this particular property.

Mayor Glover: Obviously this is an area that the Council will have to ultimately decide, I would just simply offer if the property has been in her possession for a month, and certainly I had an opportunity to look at the pictures on the file. Any scenario that you're looking at that talks about federal grants or - - - (inaudible).

Ms. White: Well as far as taking the property down, we'll probably have to end up - - -

Mayor Glover: Let me just offer, anything that talks about federal grants or market tax credits or anything else within the context of this situation is not realistic. I do though believe that if you'd had the property for a month, that there is a reasonable window of time, maybe three months in total for you to be able to demonstrate that you have the ability and the capacity to do something with this. Otherwise, yes, it is something that needs to be demolished and torn down cause it represents a blight on the community in its present condition.

Ms. White: Well I have an uncle with the city who - - -

Mayor Glover: (Inaudible) maybe is not sufficient time in my perspective for you to demonstrate whether or not it is that you have the capacity to do anything other than - - -

Ms. White: Not within 30 days.

Mayor Glover: But now based upon what I've seen, I think I heard one of the council members mention earlier, you're talking about \$100,000 + just to get started with demolition and cleanup and everything else, much less before you get to where you're in a position to be able to actually (inaudible) asset. Now, another problem that I think that also needs to be addressed is if the property is demolished, then what you've invested a dollar and another \$200 into will now have the lien of the expense of the demolition placed on it as well. And so before you get clear title of that property then you end up having to add to your expense list (inaudible) reimburse the city for cost of demolition.

Ms. White: I have an uncle here that represents the city that (inaudible) and things like that with the property, Giles. That's my uncle Giles, they do that (inaudible) as far as the cost or whatever, the issue of what I'm talking about. I have paid the owner of the property at one time (inaudible) staying there, which is Ivan Investments (inaudible) at that time. So he was collecting money,

nearly \$200 for \$1 adjudicated to you. But he has collected far more money from me on that particular property. Okay because he stated that he owned the property. Okay? And this is why I started digging into the LLCs Investment Property and stuff like that to find out that he had it so much. So in other words I'm the one that's about to bite the bullet for it. So at least give me the chance to you know look into things and see what my options are legally.

Councilman Everson: Well I'd be willing to amend my motion to postpone for 30 days, but - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: I second that.

Ms. White: That's to fix the property in 30 days?

Councilman Everson: No, you'll come back in 30 days if you haven't been able to (inaudible) or that you can take it down yourself, or that you have some plan that is actually going to go forward, then we'll reconsider in 30 days.

Ms. White: Okay, (inaudible) to seek legal consultation because there's a lot of things that our city concerning the property. Yeah, I know.

Councilman Everson: Primarily the concern is that right now the condition that its in (inaudible)

Ms. White: I know, it's awful.

Councilman Everson: So we need to make sure that those things can be corrected and so focus on that. And I know you've got some additional skepticisms about the way that your business practices go, people who buy interest in adjudicated property, this maybe a fight for another day. This immediate fight you need to focus on how you can take care of - - -

Ms. White: But that wasn't the problem when it started out, it's the problem now, but that wasn't the issue when it started out. But like I said, I'll go - - - I was told to come before to see what you the City Council had to say pertaining to the property, and you know within 30 days.

Substitute motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone until March 25, 2013.

Councilman Corbin: I want you to be very clear, that when you come back in 30 days, that you explain to us exactly what you're going to do and how you're going to fund it and make this better.

Ms. White: Okay, I'll come back and I'll explain to you not how I'm going to fund it, but I'll come back and explain to you - - -

Councilman Corbin: A hard action plan.

Councilman Webb: Put it on paper.

Ms. White: You're looking for money out of my pocket to pay for the property, correct?

Councilman Corbin: Yes.

Ms. White: Not necessarily out of my pocket, but some way to get that property fixed.

Councilman Everson: We're looking for money that you have, whether it's in your pocket or somewhere else. But it's in your control to take care of this problem.

Ms. White: But in all honesty - - - okay, I'm going to do that, but I want to ask you and I'd also like to ask you, do you think this is actually fair to let someone or an investment company without bringing them before regulatory regulations to let them hold on to properties for 13 and 10 years and don't pursue 'em, collect rent off them, never pay taxes on the property and let them run out and then come to a low income to me and tell me you're expecting me to pay for the property?

Councilman Corbin: Have you been paying rent on this property?

Ms. White: Yes, I had to pay rent on this property.

Councilman Everson: And have you been living there?

Ms. White: Not now, I can't live in that property in the condition that it is in

Councilman Corbin: Did you live there before the roof fell in?

Ms. White: Yes I did.

Councilman Corbin: And you were paying rent?

Ms. White: Yes I was.

Councilman Corbin: The house had a leaky roof, if fixtures weren't working properly - - -

Ms. White: Did you look at the documentation and the paperwork that explains all of that?

Councilman Corbin: I'm going to back up.

Ms. White: I wasn't responsible at that time to fix the roof.

Councilman Corbin: As Councilman Everson and myself have both said, the Mayor even talked about. The issue before us today is to postpone the demolition. If there are - - -

Ms. White: I understand that, but I had asked you a question.

Councilman Corbin: If there are issues with the process, that's not to be taken up in this venue today. Motion of the (inaudible) if you would please vote.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

B. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Ms. Carolyn Banks, C/O *Uncle Bucks BBQ*, 2920 Jewella, Shreveport, LA, Denial of application for Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Permit at 2920 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until February 25, 2013*)

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to overturn the decision of the Shreveport Police Department and approve the Alcohol Beverage Permit for one year with the following stipulations:

No alcoholic violations before the permit is renewed

Must meet the 60-40 food to alcohol sales ratio

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. John Harris c/o Benny Louis DePingle, *Benny's Get N Geaux*, 4461 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA, Denial of application for Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Permit at 4461 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins)

Motion by Councilman , seconded by Councilman to overturn the decision of the Shreveport Police Department and approve the Alcoholic Beverage Permit with the following stipulation:

No alcoholic violations before the permit is renewed

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

C. Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

APPEAL – BAC-97-12: Yasir Khan, 1901 Alston Street, Shreveport, LA, SW corner of Alston and N. Date Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) (*Postponed February 12, 2013 until February 26, 2013*)

D. Other Appeals

Taxi Appeal

12. Reports from officers, boards, and committees

13. Clerk's Report

14. The Council resolves itself into a Committee of the whole at the regular meeting only for communications and miscellaneous matters:

Approval of the Minutes (*February 12, 2013*)

Communications of the Mayor

Communications from Council Members

Public Comments (*In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures*)

15. The Committee "rises and reports" (reconvenes the regular council meeting)

16. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

//s// Michael D. Corbin, Chairman

//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council